

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	
Howlid et al.	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3663
Serial No.: 10/552,795	§	
	§	Examiner: Scott A. Hughes
Confirmation No.: 4505	§	
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Filed: July 13, 2006	§	
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For: ACTIVE STEERING FOR MARINE	§	Atty Dkt.: 14.0228-PCT-US
SEISMIC SOURCES	§	(WGEC0075)
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Dear Examiner:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2009

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 1, 2010, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3882/WGEC0075, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.